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REMARKS

Claims 7, 30, 31, and 32 are hereby amended. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 7, 8, 24, 27, 28, and 30-34 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Examiner proposed canceling claims 7 and 30-32 because they were dependent on canceled claims. Applicants hereby amend claims 7 and 30-32 to depend from allowable claims, hence claims 7 and 30-32 are also allowable.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than still in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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